

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Start 1910 Right--Buy Mission Town Lots Now
Prices Advance January 1st

TO GIVE INVESTORS A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

We have induced the Mission Land Improvement Company to postpone a general advance in prices until January 1st, 1910. After that date

All \$350 lots will sell for	\$400.	All \$200 lots will sell for	\$250.
All \$300 lots will sell for	\$350.	All \$175 lots will sell for	\$200.
All \$250 lots will sell for	\$300.	All \$125 lots will sell for	\$150.

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MORE TEMPTING PRIZES OFFERED

TOWN LOTS AND OTHER VALUABLE REWARDS FOR EXHIBITS.

BUSINESS MEN COME TO FRONT

Every Encouragement Extended to Exhibitors in All Departments at the Midwinter Fair. Others to Be Heard From.

The list of premiums offered for exhibits at the Midwinter Fair continues to grow, and indications are that some of the most valuable premiums ever offered at any county fair will be the reward of the successful exhibitors. Several town lots valued at from \$100 upwards have been placed on the list by some of our enterprising valley developers. Valuable and useful gifts of various kinds are being subscribed by the merchants daily, which added to the money premiums offered by the Fair Association, will make it well worth the while of the farmers and housekeepers to compete.

Following are the additions to the list since yesterday's publication: For best sugar cane exhibit, Fine Bridge Beach steel range, retail value \$45 by the Brownsville Hardware Co.

Best collection irrigated farm products of all kinds, Leonard cleanable refrigerator, solid oak, retails for \$40, Hicks Hardware Co.

Best collection citrus fruit, lot at Allendale, by Citrus Fruit Development Co.

Best display of cabbage, \$5 Stetson hat, by R. C. Patterson.

Best homemade cake, \$10 punch bowl, Brownsville Drug Co.

Best homemade pies, pair ladies' Red Cross shoes, value \$4, any style, Boston Shoe Store.

Best dozen homemade biscuits, either soda or baking powder, 50 pounds of home rendered lard, American Meat Market.

Best pound homemade candy, silver manicure set, worth \$7.50, Putegnat's Pharmacy.

Best individual exhibit, silver cup, Hallam Colonization Co.

A lot at Mission has been promised by the Mission Land Improvement Co., and a lot at San Benito or its cash equivalent by the San Benito Land and Water Company, but the special exhibits for which these will be given are not yet announced. Other premiums will be added to

the list before next week, as several have promised to assist, and the complete list will doubtless include the name of every merchant and business man of any prominence in Brownsville, while many of those in other valley towns are also expected to donate prizes.

Prize List Already Published. Grand Sweepstake Prizes.

Best display of any one variety of poultry by an individual. Grandfather clock, 6 feet in height, Mission style, value \$15.00.

Donated by Brownsville Business Men's Club.

Regular prizes will be awarded on poultry as follows:

Breeding Pens.

1st prize, \$3.00; 2nd prize, \$2.00.

Single Birds.

	First	Second
Best Cock	\$2.00	\$1.00
Best Cockerel	\$2.00	\$1.00
Best Hen	\$2.00	\$1.00
Best Pullet	\$2.00	\$1.00

All exhibits of poultry competing for prizes will be divided into classes as follows: the prizes to be awarded to the best birds of each class:

Class A—American Breeds.

Barred, White and Buff Plymouth Rocks; Silver Laced, Golden, White, Buff, Black, Columbian, Partridge and Silver Penciled Wyandottes; Black and Mottled Javas; S. C. and R. C. Rhode Island Reds.

Class B—English Breeds.

S. C. Buff, S. C. White and S. C. Black Orpington; Colored Silver-Gray and White Dorking; Red Caps.

Class C—Asiatic Breeds.

Light and Dark Brahmas; Buff, Partridge, White and Black Cochins; Black and White Langshans.

Class D—Mediterranean Breeds.

S. C. Brown, S. C. White, S. C. Buff, S. C. Black, R. C. Brown and R. C. White Leghorns; White Faced Black Spanish; Blue Andalusians; S. C. Black S. C. White and Rose Comb Black Minorcas; Mottled Anconas.

Class E—Polish Breeds.

Golden, Silver, White, Buff-laced, White Crested, Black, Bearded Golden, Bearded Silver and Bearded White Polish.

Class G—All Breeds Not Included in Class A, B, C, D, E and F.

Turkeys.

	First	Second
Best pair of turkeys and variety	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best Gobbler, any variety		

riety \$2.00 \$1.00

Best Hen, and variety \$2.00 \$1.00

Ducks.

Best pair of ducks, any variety \$2.00 \$1.00

Geese.

Best pair of geese, any variety \$2.00 \$1.00

Utility Premiums.

Realizing the great importance of the market poultry industry in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, upon which depends ultimately the financial success of every branch of the poultry business, and for the purpose of encouraging the fullest development of this industry, premiums will be offered on the following:

First Second

Best half doz. broilers	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best half doz. friers	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best half doz. roasters	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best half doz. capons	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best half doz. ducklings	\$3.00	\$1.00
Best half doz. squabs	\$3.00	\$1.00

Birds competing for utility premiums will be judged alive, from a strictly market standpoint, regardless of breeds, thereby permitting all breeds to compete against each other strictly on their merits for market purposes.

Eggs.

Best dozen eggs, white	\$2.00	\$1.00
Best doz. eggs, brown	\$2.00	\$1.00
Best dozen eggs, pink	\$2.00	\$1.00

Weight and uniformity in size, shape and color will govern awards in eggs.

The New Year.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
 The flying cloud, the frosty light;
 The year is dying in the night;
 Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
 Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
 The year is going let him go;
 Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
 For those that here we see no more;
 Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
 Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
 And ancient forms of party strife;
 Ring in the nobler modes of life,
 And better forms of party strife.

Ring in the Christ that is to be.

—Alfred Tennyson.

As all good fruit cakes improve with age we will always keep some on hand. Ours are better than mother used to make. Clay's Bakery. Phone 97.

RAISE PEACHES

BY DRY FARMING.

Texas Claims to Have Produced Fine Crop Without Almost No Rain for Three Months.

Elberta peaches the size of a teacup are reported by John M. Howell of Parker County, Texas, who attributes his success as an orchardist to the practice of dry farming methods. In an interview, Mr. Howell stated that his peach tree did not have a drop of rain for three months prior to the picking of his crop.

"Dry farming or scientific soil culture," said Mr. Howell, "will mean a great deal for our agricultural interests. It is practiced successfully in sections of the country that have far less rainfall than we have in Parker county and there is no question but that it will do the work if the proper methods are followed.

"On my orchard tract there has been practically no rain for three months. I broke the orchard land between the trees in the spring with a disc harrow. Since that time I have cultivated the soil both ways with a section harrow every week and the result has been astonishing. There is a fine dust mulch four to five inches deep over the ground and the trees are growing as nicely as if there had been plenty of rain. The fruit has grown and matures without rain and is now ripening into as perfect specimens as any one could desire."—Southwestern Farmer.

Same as December Cotton.

My daily says a man in Chicago has made \$1,000,000 in the past ten days of "May wheat." What is "May wheat," anyway? Can Judge Wilkinson grind it in his mills, does Wade raise it on his farms, is Professor Miller testing it for yield and quality, and what kind of bread does it make? One time a man told me that May wheat was not wheat at all, but just a name that a lot of fellows have for a gambling game, and if this is true, the constable at Chicago ought to haul that chap up before the squire and have him fined and socked in jail for six weeks on a charge of gambling. Maybe the Chicago constable and the squire and the rest of the people there are all in one and the same game like the councilman in Cincinnati who was hauled up for keeping a gambling den. The farmer who grows real wheat, the miller who grinds it, the baker who makes it into bread, and the poor man who can only afford to buy one "nickel loaf" at a time, have all helped to make up the million dollars that Chicago man has made in ten days on his "May wheat." This "May wheat," "March corn," "August pork" and the rest of the gamb.

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ling in the name of handling farmers' produce, disarranges actual markets, creates a false basis for prices and makes the man who produces it a puppet in the hands of a few score men who get rich at his expense. Organization seeks to correct this, yet men cry down organization, and editors, such as the one referred to by Friend Blines, "throw organization into the deep, deep sea."—Correspondence Coleman's Rural World.

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